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Release # Youth Deer Hunt
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2016 Youth Deer Hunt to be held on St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge December 2-4, 2016.

Are you between the ages of 12 and 17 years old and would like to participate in a deer hunt, but don't have someone who knows how to deer hunt, or don't have a place to hunt? Then this news is for you! St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in coordination with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Youth Hunting Program of Florida is hosting the annual deer hunt on St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

If you or someone you know is interested you can go to ihuntflorida.com then click on **hunts and events** on the right side of the page, and scroll down until you see **Youth Hunt – Deer/hog- Wakulla County St. Marks.** Click on the hunt and register. Online registration is available until Oct 31, 2016. Once registration closes the drawing process begins. Those drawn for the hunt will start being notified by Oct 31, 2016. No more than 10 youth hunters will be drawn.

To be eligible for these hunts, applicants must be between the ages of 12-17, and have passed a state-certified hunter safety course. (Good news, one will be held at St Marks National Wildlife Refuge on Oct. 8, 2016, you can go to the following site to sign up https://public.myfwc.com/hgm/huntersafety/clsreq.aspx?p_class_id=44700) Each permit allows only one youth to hunt. An adult supervisor who is 18 or older must accompany the youth. The accompanying adult cannot hunt. Proper hunting licenses and permits are only required for those youth 16 years of age and older. A guide will be provided for each youth chosen for the hunt.

Prior to the hunt, both the youth and the supervising adult must attend the range qualification and orientation. Participants must designated camp and participate in all activities the entire weekend, no exceptions. Orientation will start the hunt on Dec 2, 2016 and range qualification information will be given to those that are drawn for the hunt.

For more information, please call 850/925-6121 and ask for Lori Nicholson.